

Clinical Congress News

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At Opening Ceremony Lecture

ACS leader's legacy remembered

"I.S. Ravdin...is an example of an extinct species, the surgical chairman with autonomous authority who could accomplish more with one pound on the table than could a modern chairman through consensus building and a dozen committeee meetings," according to Clyde Barker, MD, FACS, at yesterday morning's Opening Ceremony Lecture on "I.S. Ravdin and Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania." Dr. Ravdin was ACS President (1960-1961) and Chair of the Board of Regents (1954-1960).

Dr. Barker is the director, Harrison Department of Surgical Research, and John Rhea Barton Professor of Surgery, as well as chairman, department of surgery, at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Both Dr. Barker and the revered subject of his lecture, Dr. Ravdin, have long-standing associations with the University of Pennsylvania.

Although born in Indiana (1894) and educated there until his third year of medical school, I.S. Ravdin spent the balance of his career at Pennsylvania

University, Dr. Barker said. In addition to serving, from 1918-1926, under Drs. John Deaver, Charles Frazier, and George Muller, Dr. Ravdin also studied in Edinburgh and London.

In his early 30s, Dr. Ravdin became the director of the research department at Pennsylvania University, and productively pursued laboratory interests in hepatic physiology.

Dr. Barker said that the outbreak of World War II was an important component in the making of Dr. Ravdin's career, and recounted the following episode, which exemplifies Ravdin's innovation, compassion, and no-nonsense approach to health care. In the 20th General Hospital in Burma (Ledo), which was built by Ravdin's personnel from the ground up, soldiers suffering from the high fever associated with scrub typhus also had to endure stifling tropical heat. The mortality rate was as high as 20 percent. Dr. Ravdin, who

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Dr. Barker

At AUA

Adventures in quality measurement explored

In the age of performance data gathering, "We live in an era of would-be report card purveyors," Dennis S. O'Leary, MD, said at yesterday morning's American Urological Association Lecture, "Adventures and Misadventures in Quality Measurement."

These "report card purveyors," continued Dr. O'Leary, are "posed to plug this treasure trove of information into the information superhighway." To assist surgeons in grappling with the introduction of performance measurement data into their daily medical practices, Dr. O'Leary shared the experiences of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) in this arena. Dr. O'Leary is president of JCAHO, and has spearheaded the launch of the Commission's newest accreditation program for health plans and integrated delivery systems, as well as other types of health care networks.

Dr. O'Leary told the audience that quality measurement adventures are not new to the late 20th century. He reminded the audience that one of the founding members of the College,

Ernest Codman, was the original "pointman" in tracking methods. Dr. Codman believed, Dr. O'Leary said, that physicians and hospitals should keep track of their patients' outcomes, learn from those outcomes, and then make the results available to the public. In 1910, Dr. O'Leary said, Dr. Codman published his "End Results Thesis," thus providing the beginning of the ACS Hospital Standardization Program, which in turn was the forerunner of the JCAHO.

Today, however, according to Dr. O'Leary, pressure to provide high-quality health care comes not only from within the profession, but from public and private purchasers, and, he said, "these powerful parties want tangible information."

Dr. O'Leary said that the JCAHO is "center stage in this new drama," and has been since the inception of its Agenda for Change in 1986. Since that time, the JCAHO has evolved its accreditation methods to not only acquire data but accrue data that an organization can adapt to its specific needs.

Also, perpetuating Dr. Codman's de-

sire to keep the public informed, Dr. O'Leary said that JCAHO has "made a clear commitment" to inform the public about "performance information." Dr. O'Leary stressed the difference between "performance information," which is a

comprehensible interpretation of data, and a "data dump," which is facts without context or interpretation and, therefore, of no help to the public.

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Key Contact/Grassroots Network survey

For nearly a decade, the College has maintained a Key Contact Network of Fellows who have close ties to members of Congress. Over the years, these key contacts have enhanced the College's access to legislators who serve in leadership positions and on important health care committees that shape policy affecting surgical patients and the surgical profession. Periodically, as important figures in Congress change, the College reaches out to the Fellowship to identify new participants to join the Key Contact Network.

Enclosed in this issue of the *Clinical Congress News* is a Key Contact/Grassroots Network questionnaire that we are asking Fellows who are known personally by legislators and Fellows who are willing to volunteer their time to contact their legislators to complete and return to the Socioeconomic Affairs Department. Completed questionnaires may be dropped off at the department's booth in the ACS Resource Center, which is located in the general registration area of the Orange County Convention Center; sent via fax to the College's Washington Office at 202/337-4271; or mailed to the Washington Office at 1640 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Surgical Forum dedicated to Dr. Starzl

The 49th volume of the Owen H. Wangensteen Surgical Forum will be dedicated to Thomas E. Starzl, MD, FACS, at Tuesday morning's panel discussion, "Biochemical and Molecular Basis of Vascular Diseases: Implications for Prevention and Treatment." The panel is sponsored by the Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems, and will convene at 10:45 am in room 312ABC of the Convention Center.

The following is the Surgical Forum dedication to Dr. Starzl that was written by Ben Eiseman, MD, FACS, Denver, CO.

"The Surgical Forum is the unique preserve of young, academically oriented surgeons: It provides a place where aspiring surgical academicians can present and discuss their ideas and progress in state-of-the-art surgical science. As such, within the past few years, the Forum volume has been dedicated to an outstanding academic surgeon. There is no better example than Dr. Thomas Starzl for such a role model. His professional career, which led to international recognition, is worthy of scrutiny by any surgeon who would follow in his footsteps.

"Tom Starzl was born and raised in Le Mars, IA, where his father was a newspaper editor. He was the beneficiary of three important things from his parents: (1) a brilliant mind; (2) a secure background, which became the basis for imaginative thinking and the confidence in his own visions; and (3) an ability to write simple, lucid sentences. The aspiring surgeon will do well to read and parse at random any one of his subsequent 2,035 articles, eight books, and 275 book chapters. They reflect a



Dr. Starzl

disciplined mind and an art of expression that comes from long training and practice. This combination is an especial rarity in physicians.

From the start, Dr. Starzl's academic years reflected his intellectual brilliance. His enormous energies in purhis well-defined goals characteristically exhaust the energies of associates who try to match his pace. It is not by chance that this is characteristic of genius in many allied fields of art and science. Perhaps one of his few frustrations has been failure to become not only the most outstanding transplant surgeon in the world, but at the same time be the quarterback on the winning Superbowl football team. The latter achievement he can only enjoy vicariously year after year.

"Dr. Starzl graduated from Northwestern University Medical School in 1952 with both MD and PhD degrees. His mentor was Dr. Loyal Davis, a dynamic, distinguished professor and chairman of neurosurgery. Only those of us who knew both Loyal Davis and Tom Starzl appreciate the important imprint Loyal Davis had on his young student and, subsequently, his surgical clerk and junior faculty member. The two were cut from the same cloth. Tom Starzl was one of the very few who could live up to Loyal Davis's work ethic and demand for excellence.

"During Dr. Starzl's surgical residency years, he honed his surgical and scientific skills in Chicago, Baltimore, Los Angeles, and Miami. He was groping for a precise goal in academic surgery—always a brilliant achiever, but not knowing precisely where he was going. This part of his career is also worth analyzing by young surgical academicians who often feel frustrated in not intuitively knowing the precise area of surgery they are going to pursue. Knowing precisely is about as uncommon as knowing which girl one should marry when in high school.

"Tom Starzl hit his stride when he moved to the University of Colorado in 1961 as the Chief of Surgery at the Denver Veterans Administration Hospital. Three years later, he decided to be a transplant surgeon. Thereafter, nothing—but nothing—became a serious diversion in his personal or professional life. Successful people are goal oriented, and Dr. Starzl's ambitions are palpable. His intellectual and personal genius were ideal for leadership in the then undeveloped field of organ transplantation.

"Dr. Starzl's first Forum paper was presented in 1960. Of his 20 subsequent Forum publications, 16 appeared between 1960 and 1974. Then, as now, participation in the ACS Forum served as academic tea leaves in predicting a surgeon's academic future.

"In Tom Starzl's day, the October Forum was the arena for no-holds-barred scientific and delightfully informal surgical jousting, as Dr. Starzl and a few other young surgeons plotted the subsequent path of transplant immunology and its clinical application. It coincided with equivalent developments in cardiac and vascular surgery. This

time was perhaps American surgery's greatest moment, creating a sense of excitement and belonging for all those who participated. Among those elite, Tom Starzl was primum inter pares.

"It is appropriate to note that the majority of Dr. Starzl's original research ideas were conceived and developed during his Denver years. Recognition and clinical development came later, but this time was the most productive of his professional life. While in Colorado, he kept pushing the frontiers of kidney transplantation and on May 5, 1963, culminated a long series of laboratory experiments by performing the first successful liver transplant. He had broken into the clear, and for many years thereafter in Denver and after 1980 when he moved to Pittsburgh, repeatedly refined the operative and immunologic management of these patients.

"With Dr. Starzl's move to the University of Pittsburgh, that city became the new Mecca for transplant surgeons from every part of the world. True believers are found in leadership positions worldwide. To date, Thomas Starzl is the recipient of 22 honorary degrees from prestigious universities throughout the world. He is, of course, a member or honorary member of essentially every prestigious academic organization and surgical college, many of which have conferred on him special awards.

"This dedication is not an obituary, for Tom Starzl continues to have original and challenging new ideas. Most, I am delighted to observe, are just as controversial among those who insist that the world is flat, as were his ideas when Dr. Starzl was developing liver transplantation. He is now actively engaged in exploring ways to develop chimerism between organ donors and recipients.

"It is most appropriate as we approach the end of the 20th century that this Forum volume be dedicated to Dr. Thomas Starzl. He will go down in history as one of the most important surgical scientists of this millennium, and his professional life will serve as a role model for others who would follow in his footsteps."

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had already treated such "VIPs" as General Vinegar Joe Stillwell and Lord Louis Mountbatten during the war, parlayed his status with these influential men and was able to convince General Stillwell to tear the air conditioners from the officers' quarters at the Imperial Hotel in New Dehli and install them in his hospital. The mortality rate fell to less than 1 percent.

By the end of the war, Dr. Ravdin had returned to become Pennsylvania University's chairman of surgery. Dr. Barker said, "Ravdin ran his department and to a large extent the entire University Hospital and the School of Medicine pretty much the same way he ran the 20th General Hosptial—as a commanding general...Small wonder that he was able to maintain control."

As for Dr. Ravdin's personality, Dr. Barker said that he demanded and got complete loyalty and obedience from his residents and faculty in turn for which "he protected and cherished them....They both feared and loved him."

According to Dr. Barker, Dr. Ravdin's laboratory produced leading research in shock, blood substitutes, wound heal-

ing, surgical infections, and antibiotics. While Dr. Ravdin was chairman, Dr. Barker said, "his department's stature was exceeded only by Ravdin's personal recognition, locally and internationally." In fact, in 1956, while chairing a meeting of the ACS Board of Regents, Dr. Ravdin was interrupted by a message that President Eisenhower was sick, and that the presidential airplane, the Columbine, was being sent for him. Ravdin advised immediate surgery for intestinal obstruction and effected a successful bypass procedure.

After serving as chairman of his department for 15 years, Dr. Ravdin continued to the office of vice-president of medical affairs. During this time, he served as President of the ACS (1960-1961). He remained an active and colorful influence in surgery, Dr. Barker said, until health issues forced him to retire.

In concluding his lecture, Dr. Barker said of Dr. Ravdin, "His continuing influence is most easily recognized in the accomplishments of his 100 trainees, many of whom became professor and 15 of whom headed their own departments."

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Device noninvasively assesses early signs of rejection in transplanted lungs

Researchers have developed an instrument that detects the early stages of rejection in transplanted lungs. They have successfully completed the first stages of testing the device in animals, and presented the results of the study on Monday during the Owen H. Wangensteen Surgical Forum. If it proves to be effective in further testing, the device could increase the number of patients who would benefit from lung transplantation.

Approximately 1,700 lung transplantation procedures are performed every year for pa-tients with diseases involving the lungs, such as emphysema, cystic fibrosis, chronic dilation of the bronchi, or the heart, including congenital heart disease that results in fibrosis of the pulmonary vessels. As many as two to three times more patients might benefit from lung transplanta-tion if rejection could be spotted before it became chronic and threatened the life of the donated lung. "The number of patients who were candidates for lung transplantation could quadruple or quintuple, with the aid of this device," Bernard Hausen, MD, a cardiothoracic surgeon at Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, said.

The device measures increases in pulmonary artery pressure, which is part of the rejection process. Dr. Hausen explained that rejection causes cells in the pulmonary vascular bed to swell. As the diameter of blood vessels in the lung shrinks, more force is required to pump blood through. "Pulmonary artery pressure now can be measured invasively by placing a catheter in the pulmonary artery. But you can do this only as long as a patient is in the hospital. With the new technology, we insert a miniature probe, like a little pacemaker, in the pulmonary artery and continuously measure the pressure in the pulmonary artery telemetrically, without a cable. A sensor monitors the frequency the device emits, and the frequency encodes the changes in pulmonary artery pressure for a patient."

Dr. Hausen envisions a time when transplant patients could have pulmonary artery pres-sure assessed every night while they slept. "A computer with a receiver would be next to the patient without a cable touching him or her. The computer would determine and record the pa-tient's pulmonary artery pressure over a period of a few hours, average the pressure, and dial the data into the hospital's main computer over a modem. The hospital computer would compare each day's pressure with those from previous days, weeks, and months. If it detected an increase in the pressures over time, it would alert the physician that the trend in increased pressure may point in the direction of rejection," he said.

The study demonstrated that the device could be implanted in the pulmonary artery of primates without causing any adverse effects. A miniature telemetric pressure probe was surgically inserted in the pulmonary artery, and its attached transmitter and battery were placed in the chest cavity in 36 primates. The device, which is manufactured by Data Sciences International (St. Paul, MN), and used in animal studies of immunosuppression, tracked changes in pulmonary vascular pressure for 28 days.

Throughout that period, the animals had no signs of infection or emboli. Changes in pulmonary artery pressure tabulated by the device correlated with the severity of rejection of transplanted lung tissue as confirmed by biopsy results.

"This is a proof of concept study in which we test, number one, that this can be implanted without causing complications. Number two, we can compare the pulmonary artery pressures in allografts that are rejecting and those that aren't rejecting, and correlate changes in pressure with the degree of rejection as determined by multiple biopsies from each lung," Dr. Hausen said.

Dr. Hausen and his colleagues are continuing to evaluate the use of the probe over longer periods in animals. "We hope to go at some point to the clinic and use this as standard routine follow-up procedure for patients in the first critical year after transplantation," he said.

Joining Dr. Hausen in the study of the device were Tuija Ikonen, MD; Gerald J. Berry, MD; Laurie Hook, RVT; and Randall E. Morris, MD.

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As the JCAHO continues to build measures of expert credibility, relevance, and feasibility for physicians and their institutions, Dr. O'Leary said, since 1995 it has incorporated other measurement systems that contribute to performance measurement, and has formed a National Advisory Committee to evaluate these other systems. Today, the committee has approved 270 systems, and,

added Dr. O'Leary, "we have progressively ratcheted up the performance criteria [organizations] must meet."

Finally, he pointed out the "basic realities" of performance measurement: The human condition wishes not to be measured; measurement is a new cost in a cost-restrained environment; and our society is not accepting of subperfect results.

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To keep updated on all Congress events, make sure to pick up your copy of the current *Clinical Congress News*.

Message and Information Center

The Message and Information Center, located in the registration area of the convention center, can provide you with messages, information about the programs and related activities, and the names of individuals who are registered and their hotels.

New this year is the MSv2, which is a video-computer Internet messaging system. The ACS Electronic Message System will utilize advanced network technology to connect video message kiosks that are located in prominent areas of the Orange County Convention Center and the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel. Any person who has access to the Internet may leave a message using the following show messaging address: ClinicalCongress98.postmessage.com.

Simply search the list of attendees, then post a message in their mailbox. Within minutes, the name will appear on the video-paging monitors along with the message posted on site. The attendee sees his or her name and retrieves the message from their mailbox to read, print, or reply. Please note that you will need to use your registration number – located on the back of your name tag in small numerals – to activate the system. Also, look for conference and exhibitor updates on the information kiosks located inside Hall A of the convention center.

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If you haven't already done so, please be sure to send your e-mail address to the College. Your note should be directed to <code>pduke@facs.org</code>.

New York hosts 27th Spring Meeting

The 27th annual ACS Spring Meeting will be held April 25-28, 1999, at the New York Hilton and Towers.

To emphasize its strong commitment to and support of general surgery, the American College of Surgeons devotes its annual Spring Meeting to the interests and needs of the practicing general surgeon.

The Advisory Council for Surgery has planned a program for the 1999 Spring Meeting that will be of interest to all general surgeons. Postgraduate handson courses in "Ultrasound for Surgeons," "Ultrasound for Surgeons: FAST Module," and "Surgical Education: Principles and Practices" will provide didactic and workshop experience in these techniques that have become

useful and necessary tools for the modern general surgeon.

The Assembly for General Surgeons on Sunday, April 25, "Credentialing for New Procedures," will focus on practical issues surrounding the introduction of scientific advances and evolutions in surgical techniques into modern surgical practice. This interactive general session encourages discussion by all in attendance, so that the views of practicing general surgeons on the important issues of the day can be shared.

Panels on small bowel obstruction, management of the distal common bile duct, upper and lower gastrointestinal bleeding, the role of the general surgeon in the diagnosis and treatment of gynecologic diseases of the female pelvis, and surgery of the thyroid and parathyroid will be complemented by popular didactic courses in current cancer management, focused minimal access surgery, vascular surgery, and trauma. The Film Program: Highlights of the 1998 Clinical Congress, will round out an exciting spring program.

As a special feature, the Advisory Council for Surgery has added the post-graduate hands-on course "Image Guided Breast Biopsy," offering a didactic as well as workshop experience. This course is being offered on Saturday and Sunday April 24 and 25, in advance of the Spring Meeting. Spring meeting registration is NOT included with this course.

To enhance the educational value of this meeting, technical exhibits will again be presented. More than 50 companies will present products or services that relate to the practice of surgery.

Fellows, Associate Fellows, and Candidate Group members of the College will be receiving the 1999 Spring Meeting Advance Brochure and registration form in early January.

A preliminary program will be published in the January 1999 issue of the *Bulletin*. Also look for information on our Web site: www.facs.org beginning in January. Further registration information may be obtained from the Convention and Meetings Division at College headquarters.

1999 Spring Preliminary Meeting Program

Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25

7:30 am-5:30 pm

Image-Guided Breast Biopsy

Chair: Kambiz Dowlat, MD, FACS, Chicago, IL

Sunday, April 25

1:00-5:30 pm

Assembly for General Surgeons Credentialing for New Procedures

Moderator: Josef E. Fischer, MD, FACS, Cincinnati, OH

Monday, April 26

8:30-10:30 am

General Session
Small Bowel Obstruction

Moderator: Jon S. Thompson, MD, FACS, Omaha, NE

8:30 am-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 1

Surgical Education: Principles and Practice (6 hours)

Co-Chair: Hugh M. Foy, MD, FACS, Seattle, WA

Co-Chair: Stephen R. T. Evans, MD, FACS, Washington, DC

8:30 am-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 2

Ultrasound for Surgeons (12 hours) (Monday–Tuesday)

Chair: R. Stephen Smith, MD, FACS, Wichita, KS

11:00 am-12:00 noon

Excelsior Surgical Society/Edward D. Churchill Lecture

Lecturer: Frank C. Spencer, MD, FACS, New York, NY

12:00 noon-3:30 pm

Exhibits Open

1:30-5:00 pm

General Session Management of Distal Common Bile Duct

Moderator: Joseph B. Petelin, MD, FACS, Shawnee Mission, KS

5:00-7:00 pm

Exhibits Open (Reception)

7:00-9:00 pm

Film Program Highlights of the 1998 Clinical Congress

Introducer: Gerald O. Strauch, MD, FACS, Chicago, IL

Tuesday, April 27

10:00 am-3:30 pm

Exhibits Open

8:30-10:30 am

General Session Upper and Lower Gastrointestinal Bleeding

Moderator: Talmadge A. Bowden, Jr., MD, FACS, Augusta, GA

8:30 am-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 2

Ultrasound for Surgeons (12 hours) continuation from Monday Chair: R. Stephen Smith, MD, FACS, Wichita, KS

8:30 am-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 3

Vascular Surgery, 1999 (6 hours)

Chair: Frank W. LoGerfo, MD, FACS, Boston, MA

8:30 am-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 4

Trauma: Interactive Case Management (6 hours)

Chair: Donald D. Trunkey, MD, FACS, Portland, OR

1:30-5:00 pm

General Session

The Role of the General Surgeon in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Gynecologic Disorders of the Female

Moderator: Clifford R. Wheeless, Jr., MD, FACS, Baltimore, MD

Wednesday, April 28

8:30 am-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 5

Focused Minimal Access Surgery (6 hours)

Chair: George McGee, MD, FACS, Hattiesburg, MS

8:30 am-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 6

New Directions in Management of Common Cancer (6 hours)

Chair: Nicholas J. Petrelli, MD, FACS, Buffalo, NY

8:30 am-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 7

Ultrasound for Surgeons: FAST Module (6 hours)

Chair: Grace S. Rozycki, MD, FACS, Atlanta, GA

9:00 am-12:00 noon

General Session Surgery of the Thyroid and Parathyroid: Image-Guided Techniques

Moderator: John B. Hanks, MD, FACS, Charlottesville, VA

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Fellows: No Fee Associate Fellows: No Fee Participants in ACS Candidate Group:

No Fee Medical Students: No Fee Guest Physicians: \$375 Residents: \$100

Allied Health: \$150

Commercial Representative: \$375 (Fees are subject to change)

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Allied Meetings

Tuesday

Morning

CICD

6:30 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast Walt Disney World Dolphin, Asia 2, Floor Lobby Level

Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. Breakfast

Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 3, Floor Lobby Level

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Socioeconomic Committee

7:00 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 15, Floor Mezzanine

Surgical Journal Editors

7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 3, Floor Mezzanine

Indiana Chapter, ACS

7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast Clarion Plaza Hotel Orlando, Salon 6, Floor Mezzanine Level

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Standards Committee

8:00 am - 10:30 am. Breakfast OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 8, Floor Mezzanine

The Mont Reid Society of the University of Cincinnati

11:30 am - 2:00 pm. Luncheon Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 7, Floor Ground Level

American Society of Breast Surgeons

11:30 am - 1:15 pm. Luncheon The Peabody Orlando, Bayhill I, Floor Mezzanine Level

Karger Publishers: Editorial Board Meeting, Digestive Surgery

11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Luncheon OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 22, Floor Mezzanine

American Society of General Surgeons

11:45 am - 1:30 pm. Luncheon OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 3, Floor Mezzanine

Afternoon

Panamerican Trauma Society

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Luncheon Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 4, Floor Lobby Level

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - CME Committee

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm. Luncheon OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 8, Floor Mezzanine

American Society of General Surgeons

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm.Meeting OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 14, Floor Mezzanine

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - New Technologies Committee

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Meeting OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 11, Floor Mezza-

James IV Association of Surgeons, Inc.

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting Directors Meeting - 4 pm -5 pm.; Members Meeting 5 pm -6 pm. Walt Disney World Swan, Mockingbird 1, Floor Ground Level

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Anniversary Committee 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Meeting

OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 15, Floor Mezzanine

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Evening

University of Chicago Department of Surgery

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Salon A4, Floor Ballroom Level

Brooklyn and Long Island Chapter, ACS

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Macaw, Floor Ground Level

Baylor College of Medicine

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 6, Floor Ground Level

University of Colorado, Department of Surgery

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Pelican 1, Floor Ground Level

Tulane University Department of Surgery

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Asia 2, Floor Lobby Level

University of California, San Diego Medical Center

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception The Peabody Orlando, Plaza F, Floor Convention Level

James D. Rives Surgical Society

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception The Peabody Orlando, Plaza G, Floor Convention Level

SUNY HSC Syracuse Department of Surgery and Syracuse Medical Alumni Association

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 10, Floor Lobby Level

VUMC-Section of Surgical Sciences

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 8, Floor Ground Level

COST Laparoscopic Trial

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Meeting Clarion Plaza Hotel Orlando, Salon 5, Floor Mezzanine Level

Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation Fellows' Alumni Association

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 11, Floor Lobby Level

University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception Omni Rosen Hotel, Salon 2

James IV Association of Surgeons, Inc

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Mockingbird 2, Floor Ground Level

Department of Surgery, SUNY at Stony Brook

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Parrot, Floor Ground

UC Davis Surgical Association

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Peacock, Floor Ground Level

University of Virginia, Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 2, Floor Ground Level

Department of Surgery, University of Louisville Reception for Alumni, Faculty and Friends

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Asia 3, Floor Lobby Level

Georgetown University Alumni Association 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception

Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 9, Floor Lobby Level

Wayne State University Alumni Association

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 3, Floor Lobby Level

University of Iowa Department of Surgery Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Europe 1, Floor Lobby Level

Stanford University Departments of Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 7, Floor Lobby Level

Northwestern Surgical Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 6, Floor Lobby Level

Loyola University Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Copa Banana, Floor Lobby Level

Memorial Sloan Kettering

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception The Peabody Orlando, Plaza H, Floor Convention Level

Will C Sealy Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 3, Floor Mezzanine

The Cleveland Clinical Foundation Alumni Association

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 4, Floor Mezzanine

John Jones Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Dinner OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 13, Floor Mezzanine

University of Minnesota Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 11, Floor Mezzanine

University of Oklahoma Surgical Society and the Department of Surgery University of Oklahoma

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 14, Floor Mezzanine

Albany Medical College

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Clarion Plaza Hotel Orlando, Salon 6, Floor Mezzanine Level

Maimonides Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Clarion Plaza Hotel Orlando, Salon 7, Floor Mezzanine Level

Maryland Chapter, ACS

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Clarion Plaza Hotel Orlando, Salon 9, Floor Mezzanine Level

Puerto Rico Chapter, ACS

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Clarion Plaza Hotel Orlando, Salon 10, Floor Mezzanine Level

Mount Sinai Medical Center

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 4, Floor Lobby Level

State University of New York at Buffalo Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Clarion Plaza Hotel Orlando, Salon 18, Floor Mezzanine Level

Medical College of Ohio Alumni Association

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa, Captain, Floor Ground Level

University of North Carolina Surgical Alumni/ Nathan A Womack Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa, Ireland B, Floor Ground Level

Jefferson Medical College

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Asia 5, Floor Lobby Level

Raydin-Rhoades

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Reception/Dinner Walt Disney World Dolphin, Salon A1, Floor Ballroom Level

Roy D McClure Alumni Society of Henry Ford Hospital

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Walt Disney World Dolphin, Salon A3, Floor
Ballroom Level

Indiana University

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 9, Floor Ground Level

Tufts University School of Medicine and Deterling Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception The Peabody Orlando, Plaza A, Floor Convention Level

Hong Kong Chapter, American College of Surgeons

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Salon IV, Floor Ballroom Level

Society of Asian-Indian Surgeons of North America (ASSIO)

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Dinner Radisson Barcello Hotel

South Carolina Chapter, ACS

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Pelican 2, Floor Ground Level

University of Cincinnati Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 1, Floor Ground

New Jersey University Programs & ACS Chapter and Benjamin F. Rush Jr., Surgical Society

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 4, Floor Ground Level

Fairview Hospital Alumni

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Swan, Dove, Floor Second

Departments of Surgery, Canadian Universities/Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Asia 4, Floor Lobby Level

Washington University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception/Dinner Walt Disney World Dolphin, Americas Seminar Room, Floor Ballroom Level

Vermont ACS Chapter/University of Vermont

6:30 pm - 7:45 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 2

Mayo Alumni Association

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
The Peabody Orlando, Orlando III, Floor Convention Level

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Allied Meetings

East Carolina University Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Reception/Dinner The Peabody Orlando, Orlando I, Floor Convention Level

Duke University Surgical Alumni

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 1, Floor Mezzanine

Lahey Clinic

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 6, Floor Mezzanine

Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Alumni

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa, Great Hall East, Floor Ground Level

University of Massachusetts Medical Center

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa, Ireland C, Floor Ground Level

Surgical Society of New York Medical College

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa, Oxford, Floor Ground Level

Society of Philippine Surgeons in America 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm. Reception/Dinner

OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 9, Floor Mezzanine

Akron General Medical Center Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Salon A2, Floor Ballroom Level

Beth Israel Deaconess Surgical Service

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception Clarion Plaza Hotel Orlando, Salon 17, Floor Mezzanine Level

Wake Forest University School of Medicine,

Department of Surgery 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa, Yeoman, Floor Ground Level

University of Michigan, Department of Surgery Alumni

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception Ming Court Restaurant

Department of Surgery, New York University

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 1, Floor Lobby Level

Boston University Surgical Alumni

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception The Peabody Orlando, Orlando II, Floor Convention Level

University of Missouri Department of Surgery and University Missouri Surgical Society

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm. Reception/Dinner The Peabody Orlando, Coconuts, Floor Recreational Level

Medical College of Georgia, Department of Surgery and the Georgia Chapter, ACS

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 5, Floor Mezzanine

AUB Surgical Alumni Society

7:30 pm - 11:00 pm. Reception/Dinner OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salons 7/8, Floor Mezzanine

University of Utah Department of Surgery

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception Buena Vista Palace Resort & Spa, Sapphire, Floor Ground Level

Chirurgio Society

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 5, Floor Lobby Level

Wednesday

Morning

International Society of Surgery (SIC) United States Chapter

6:45 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast Walt Disney World Swan, Swan 1, Floor Ground Level

Mosby Inc

7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 1, Floor Mezzanine

SAGES

7:00 am - 12:00 pm. Breakfast OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 11, Floor Mezzanine

Contemporary Surgery Editorial Board

7:30 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast Walt Disney World Dolphin, Oceanic 5, Floor Lobby Level

Association of Women Surgeons

8:00 am - 10:00 am. Breakfast OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 3, Floor Mezzanine

Tripler General Surgery

11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Luncheon The Peabody Orlando, Orlando I, Floor Convention Level

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - RF Young Researchers

11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Luncheon OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 5, Floor Mezzanine

Portraits

Arrangements have been made with Oscar & Associates to photograph Initiates and Fellows of the College who desire to have full color or black-and-white portraits taken in fellowship robes. A photographer will be available in Hall A4 of the registration area in the Orange County Convention Center during the following times: Tuesday through Thursday from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm.

It is suggested that you arrange for your sitting as early in the week as possible. Oscar & Associates will have an assortment of official Fellowship caps and gowns available for your use. There is no charge for the sitting itself. Proofs will be viewed in full color, from which you may order either color or black-and-white finished photographs. A schedule of rates is available at the studio and appointment desk.

Initiates and Fellows who elect to be photographed will see their "proofs" via video screen immediately after their sitting. Although the photography is done by conventional process, an Eastman Kodak electronic previewing system will be used, which allows for simultaneous recording on film and video. This system allows the subject to select favorite views prior to leaving the studio area.

Program Changes

Cancellations

Tuesday, October 27

Panel Discussion:Virtual Reality and Training General Surgeons

8:30 am - 12:00 noon Barney E. Johnston III, *Houston*, *TX*

Panel Discussion: Pediatric Burn Management

10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Ronald G. Tompkins, MD, FACS, Boston, MA

Robert L. Sheridan, MD, FACS, *Lexington, MA*, will replace Dr. Tompkins and speak on "Skin Substitutes: What is Available? What is Best?"

Wednesday, October 28

Panel Discussion: Clinical Pathways in Pediatric Surgery

8:00 - 10:00 am Thom E Lobe, MD, FACS, Memphis, TN

Motion Picture Sessions

Tuesday, October 27 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Ciné Clinics: Hernia

The first videotape presentation is titled: "Inguinal Herniorrhaphy: Posterior Buttressed Mesh Repair via Laparoscopy (TEP)" by C. Daniel Smith, MD, FACS, *Atlanta*, *GA*.

Wednesday, October 28 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Cine Clinics: Plastic Surgery

The third videotape presentation is: "Cranial Base Fibrosarcoma: Surgical Management" by Alan E. Seyfer, MD, FACS, *Portland*, *OR*; Dennis E. McDonnell, MD, FACS, *Augusta*, *GA*; William J. Dichtel, MD, FACS, *Roanoke*, *VA*; John F. Graham, MD, FACS, *Honolulu*, *HI*; Larry A. Sargent, MD, FACS, *Chattanooga*, *TN*; and Rosendo Ichochea, MD.

The fourth videotape presentation, "Endoscopic Midface Elevation in Combination with Endoscopic Brow Lift and SMAS Rhytidectomy," is coauthored by Michael Y. Byun, MD, *Chicago*, *IL*.

The seventh videotape presentation is entitled "Microsurgical Correction of Asymmetric Facial Contour," by John W. Siebert, MD, FACS, *New York*, *NY*.

Trauma and Critical Care - 1999

The Western States Committee on Trauma will sponsor Pathways to Excellence on March 22-24, 1999, at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV.

The program offers comprehensive continuing education in the treatment of the seriously injured patient stressing current techniques and technology for evaluation, diagnosis, and management of trauma.

Course topics will include: Reversibility and Resuscitation End Points; Trauma Lab Panel: Essential? Nice to Have? Ridiculous?; Laparsocopy and Thoracoscopy - EC, OR, ICU; Other Injury Etiologies: Seatblets, Airbags, Lawnmowers; Thoracic Aortic Injury: Stabilization, Timing, and Approach; Trauma Laparotomy: A Systematic Approach; Closure After Abdominal Compartment Syndrome: Timing and Technique; Chest Tubes: Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask; Venous Access: Technique and Controversy; Trauma Training Perceptions; The Mangled Extremity: Trauma in the Pregnant Patient; Managing "BIG" Trauma in the "Rural" Setting; Managing Bad Head & High C- Spine Injuries; Continuing Advances in Trauma Ultrasound; Difficult Management Problems; Evolving Trauma Issues; Decision Making in the ICU; Ethical Issues; Trauma Case Management sessions; and interactive panels.

Faculty will include: H. Scott Bjerke, MD, FACS, Las Vegas, NV; Henry C.

Cleveland, MD, FACS, Denver, CO; Demetrios Demetriades, MD, FACS, Los Angeles, CA; John Fildes, MD, FACS, Las Vegas, NV; Steven K. Hamar, MD, FACS, Bismarck, ND; David N. Herndon, MD, FACS, Galveston, TX; David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS; San Diego, CA; Steven B. Johnson, MD, FACS, Tucson, AZ; Gregory J. Jurkovich, MD, FACS, Seattle, WA; James F. Kellam, MD, FACS, Charlotte, NC; M. Margaret Knduson, MD, FACS, San Francisco, CA; Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD, FACS, New Orleans, LA; Kenneth L. Mattox, MD, FACS, Houston, TX; Kimball I. Maull, MD, FACS, Birmingham, AL; Franklin L. Mitchell, Jr., MD, FACS, Columbia, MO; Robert C. Mackersie, MD, FACS, San Francisco; Richard J. Mullins, MD, FACS, Portland, OR; Ernest E. Moore, Jr., MD, FACS, Denver, CO; John M. Porter, MD, FACS, Oakland, CA; George H. Rodman, Jr., MD, FACS, Indianapolis, IN; J. David Richardson, MD, FACS, Louisville, KY; G. Tom Shires, MD, FACS, Las Vegas, NV; R. Stephen Smith, MD, FACS, Wichita, KS; Donald D. Trunkey, MD, FACS, Portland, OR; Alex B. Valadka, MD, FACS, Houston, TX; Matthew J. Wall, Jr., MD, FACS, Houston, TX; and David E. Wesson, MD, FACS, Houston, TX.

For further information please visit the ACS Web site at www.facs@org or call 312/202-5342. Brochures will be available at the ACS Resource Center Trauma booth.



The Board of Regents gathered Saturday for their annual luncheon meeting. Pictured, front row, left to right: Edward M. Copeland III, Gainesville, FL; Thomas R. Russell, San Francisco, CA; Samuel A. Wells, Jr., Chicago, IL; Seymour I. Schwartz, Rochester, NY; Margaret F. Longo, Hot Springs, AR; Harvey W. Bender, Jr., Nashville, TN; Paul C. Peters, Dallas, TX; Theodore Lawwill, Prospect, KY; and George D. Wilbanks, Chicago, IL. Back row: Bernard Langer, Toronto, ON; Jonathan L. Meakins, Montreal, PQ; Edward R. Laws Jr., Charlottesville, VA; Gerald B. Healy, Boston, MA; Paul E. Collicott, Lincoln, NE; C. James Carrico, Dallas, TX; Roger S. Foster, Jr., Atlanta, GA; Richard R. Sabo, Bozeman, MT; and Ronald E. Rosenthal, New Hyde Park, NY.



Experience the latest in simulation devices at a "virtual hospital" at the Technology Pavilion in the Scientific Exhibits Section of the Convention Center.



Registration totals

As of Tuesday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 11,050; 6,503 were physicians and the rest were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.